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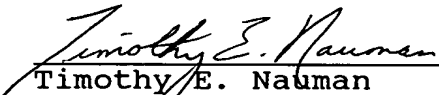
exchange resin comprises a strong base anion exchange resin component which represents from 45 to 65 percent by weight of the total weight of the iodinated resin.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to include further embodiments of the invention and to initiate an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,096,216. See enclosed Request for Interference under 37 C.F.R. §1.607. Early examination of the application is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns related to this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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